

materials—and an excellent integrity level of location and setting, which combined express the feel of a rural historic district.

The Tellico Valley Rural Historic District is eligible under Criterion D for its potential to yield information.

We concur with the proposed National Register boundaries as discussed and highlighted in the survey report. Page 153 of the report illustrates the proposed expanded area of the Tellico Valley Rural Historic District. It should be noted that the eastern boundary of the district is inside the R-4440 project APE.

During the course of the survey, eight archaeological sites were located within the project area. We concur that the following property is eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places under the criteria cited:

31MA585	Criteria C and D	31MA585 is a stone fishweir located in the Little Tennessee River
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Please note that Bridge 78 over Tellico Creek has not been previously surveyed. If the bridge is over fifty years old, we request a determination of eligibility and an evaluation of the bridge as it relates to the Tellico Valley Rural Historic District Expansion.

We concur that the following archaeological sites are not eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places:

31MA583, 31MA584, 31MA586**, 31SW386** and 31SW387**

These sites do not retain sufficient integrity to yield information important to history or prehistory.

The significance of 31MA628** and 31MA629* was not evaluated because they are located outside of the existing project area. No additional archaeological work is recommended in connection with this project. We concur with this recommendation.

The above comments are made pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation's Regulations for Compliance with Section 106 codified at 36 CFR Part 800.

Thank you for your cooperation and consideration. If you have questions concerning the above comment, contact Renee Gledhill-Earley, environmental review coordinator, at 919/733-4763 ext. 246. In all future communication concerning this project, please cite the above referenced tracking number.

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